IN THE CLAIMS

In accordance with amendment practice pursuant to Rule 1.121(c)(1)(i), presented below is a "clean" set of "rewritten claims." A "marked up" version of these claims is attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** pursuant to Rule 1.121(c)(1)(ii).

1.   A method for classifying and counting leukocytes comprising the steps of:

(1)   adding to a hematological sample the following fluorescence-labeled antibodies labeled with fluorescent dyes which emit fluorescences distinguishable from each other:

(a)   a first fluorescence-labeled antibody which binds specifically to leukocytes,

(b)   a second fluorescence-labeled antibody which binds to at least one kind of neutrophilic cells, and

(c)   a third fluorescence-labeled antibody which binds to at least one kind of immature granulocytic cells,

in order to stain the leucocytic cells in the hematological sample;

(2)   removing erythrocytes from the hematological sample;

(3)   analyzing the resulting hematological sample using a flow cytometer to measure at least one scattered light signal and three separate fluorescence signals;

(4)   classifying granulocytic cells on the basis of intensity of the scattered light and intensity of fluorescence from the first fluorescence-labeled antibody;

(5)   distinguishing eosinophils and neutrophilic cells in the granulocytic cells obtained in step (4) on the basis of the intensity of the fluorescence from the